

# SCAG UPDATE



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## **2011 SCAG Regional Conference & General Assembly is a Huge Success**

Once again the Regional Council and staff at SCAG organized a successful Regional Conference & General Assembly, at the La Quinta Resort and Club in the beautiful Coachella Valley. With over 700 attendees and the anticipated unveiling of the Draft Southern California Economic Recovery & Job Creation Strategy, the conference did not disappoint.

A variety of program elements included a keynote address by Edison International Chairman Ted Craver and the Compass Blueprint Awards Dinner. Additionally, the Regional Council elected their new Executive Officers including, President Pam O'Connor (City of Santa Monica), First Vice President Glen Becerra (City of Simi Valley) and Second Vice President Greg Pettis (City of Cathedral City).

In case you missed any portion of the event, photos and presentations have been posted on the SCAG website at [www.scag.ca.gov/ga2011](http://www.scag.ca.gov/ga2011) under Presentations.

In addition, SCAG was fortunate to have been covered on KNX Newsradio as well as print media. The link to that coverage can also be found at [www.scag.ca.gov/ga2011](http://www.scag.ca.gov/ga2011) under Audio/News Clips.

SCAG thanks everyone who attended the event. We will all look forward to seeing you back in 2012!

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## **Don't Miss the Upcoming NARC Conference!**

The National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) Conference is being held June 12-15 at the San Diego Marriott Marquis and Marina, in San Diego.

NARC serves as this year's national voice for regionalism. NARC advocates for and provides services to its member councils of government (COGs) and metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs).

SCAG is a proud co-sponsor of this national conference. Given the pending federal issues before Congress, it will be imperative to stay up-to-date with what's happening in D.C. and throughout the states. NARC's conference provides a unique opportunity to network with elected officials and decision makers from across the country, while attending informative panels on a range of issues from Homeland Security, Sustainability, Jobs and the Economy, and Transportation Reauthorization legislation.

To view the draft conference agenda, visit the NARC website at: [www.narc.org](http://www.narc.org).

Don't miss the opportunity to hear from nationally recognized speakers and panelists as well as network with your counterparts across the country. [Register online today!](#)

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## **ICYMI: IBM Smarter City Challenge**

Launched in 2010, the Smarter Cities Challenge is a competitive grant program, awarding over \$50 million worth of technology and services over the next three years. Led by IBM Corporate Citizenship, the focus of the initiative is to enable up to 100

cities around the world to become more vibrant, livable places for their citizens. These grants are designed to address the wide range of financial and infrastructure challenges facing cities today.

Each city participating in the Challenge receives a donation, primarily in the form of talent, the time and expertise of top performing IBMers from different functions and locations, who will work closely with city leaders to deliver recommendations on the selected issue. Selected cities also have access to a wide array of IBM resources including City Forward, a powerful new tool which allows cities to analyze, compare and visualize data across systems.

Cities around the world are invited to apply for the Smarter Cities Challenge. The application cycle for 2012 grants will open in late 2011. For more information on the 2011 recipients and application details for 2012, visit the Smarter Cities Challenge website at: [www.smartercitieschallenge.org](http://www.smartercitieschallenge.org)

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## 2012 Regional Transportation Plan – Status Update

SCAG staff, stakeholders and partners are busy working on the Regional Transportation Plan, which SCAG is responsible for preparing every 4 years. Here is a brief rundown of upcoming activities related to this important project:

- SCAG will continue stakeholder discussion via the Plans & Programs Technical Advisory Committee, developing the alternatives framework and performance measures for the 2012 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).
- Having completed the 2012 RTP's Baseline Project List, staff will work to finalize the list of projects for consideration in the 2012 RTP with project modifications from our County Transportation Commissions (CTCs).
- Over the summer, SCAG will continue to refine the alternatives and performance measures, and evaluate a number of alternative scenarios leading to the selection of a set of financially constrained and strategic plan projects to be documented as the Draft 2012 RTP, which will be released for public review and comment around November/December of this year.
- Prior to finalizing the Draft 2012 RTP, a number of public workshops will be conducted throughout the region over the summer to discuss the RTP/SCS strategies and solicit input from the stakeholders, system users, impacted parties, interested groups and the public at large.

For more detailed information, please visit the 2012 RTP website at: [www.scag.ca.gov/rtp2012](http://www.scag.ca.gov/rtp2012) or call (213) 236-1800.

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## I-405 Freeway Closure through Sepulveda Pass

Metro's I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvement project will require a 53-hour full closure of the I-405 freeway through the Sepulveda Pass from July 15 to July 18. Read more about it here: [www.metro.net](http://www.metro.net).

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## SCAG Staffer Selected for DOE – Energy Executive Leadership Program

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) National Renewable Energy Laboratory has selected SCAG's Ranjini Zucker, Senior Contracts Manager, to



attend the Energy Executive Leadership Program.

Ranjini was selected as one of 20 participants nationally from a pool of 70 applicants. The Energy Executives Leadership Program provides an in-depth look at solar and wind power, biofuels and transportation and energy efficient building technologies.



## EVENTS

### MAY

27th RHNA Subcommittee Meeting #4

30th Memorial Day Holiday

31st Subregional Coordinators Group

### JUNE

2nd Regional Council and Policy Committee Meetings

13th - 15th 45th Annual NARC Conference & Exhibition

23rd WRCOG General Assembly

30th SANBAG 1st General Assembly Reception

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